

***Marsilea macropoda* New to Louisiana**—During February, 1982, one of us (SH) discovered a population of *Marsilea* growing within the city limits of New Orleans. We identified the plants as *Marsilea macropoda* Engelm. ex A. Braun. The population occurs in an old abandoned lot. The situation is suggestive of persistence after cultivation; however, local residents could not substantiate this. The lot is littered with gravel and concrete rubble, indicating that the plants might also have been introduced through disturbance and may have persisted at the locality. The population is large and vigorous, and at the time of collection most plants were fertile. Specimens from the population (Landry 7895) are deposited at LAF, SMU, US, and NY. *Marsilea macropoda* is readily distinguishable from other species known to occur in Louisiana, *M. uncinata* and *M. vestita*, by its markedly more robust stature, the lack of a prominent tooth on the sporocarps, and the frequent presence of two or more sporocarps per peduncle. *Marsilea macropoda* is otherwise known from south-central Texas, where it previously has been regarded as a Texas endemic (Correll & Johnston, *Manual of the Vascular Plants of Texas*, Texas Research Foundation, Renner, TX, 1970). The Louisiana population represents a range extension of approximately 400 miles for the species.—GARRIE P. LANDRY, Department of Biology, University of Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette, LA 70504; and SAMUEL W. HOLDER, Jefferson Parish Environmental and Development Control Department, 3600 Jefferson Hwy., Jefferson, LA 70121.

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Professor Edmund André Charles Lois Eloi ("Ted") Schelpe died after a sudden heart attack at his home on 12 October 1985. He was born in Durban, South Africa, on 27 July 1924 and completed a BSc with distinction in Botany at Natal University in 1943; at the same University he obtained an MSc (Class I) in 1946. In 1952, he was awarded the DPhil degree of Oxford University (Wadham College). He held the following posts at the University of Cape Town: Lecturer in Botany, 1953–1954; Senior Lecturer and Curator of the Bolus Herbarium, 1954–1958; Associate Professor and Curator of the Bolus Herbarium, 1968–1973, the title Curator being changed to Director in 1970; Professor (ad hominem) and Director of the Bolus Herbarium, 1973–1985. Professor Schelpe was an elected Fellow of the Royal Society of South Africa, the Linnean Society of London, and the University of Cape Town. From 1964 he was a member of the Committee on Pteridophyta of the International Association of Plant Taxonomists. Among voluntary societies, he played a valuable role in helping found the Orchid Society of Southern Africa and was President of the Botanical Society of Southern Africa.

He made major contributions to the systematics of Pteridophyta in southern Africa. A few days before he passed away, he finished checking the final proofs of the volume on Pteridophyta for the *Flora of Southern Africa*. This was a culmination of studies during the course of which he published accounts of the Pteridophyta for the *Flora Zambesiaca*, the *Flora de Moçambique*, and the Con-